ലും കാരണവശാൽ ആഫീസ്സെക്രട്ടറെക്കൊണ്ടുമതിയാകാതെ വരുമ്പോഴോ അല്ലെങ്കിൽ കൃഷി ഡയറക്ടരുടെ സാന്നിദ്ധ്യം ഒഴിച്ചുകൂടാൻ പാടില്ലാ തെവരുന്ന സന്ദർഭങ്ങളിലോ അദ്ദേഹം ഇടവിടെ വരുന്നതാണ്.

റോഡിനെപ്പറ്റിയും മറും പറഞ്ഞ കാര്യങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി ഗവണ്മെൻറ് ആലോചിക്കാം.

അരുക്കുറ്റിയിൽ ഒരു മുൻസിഫ്കോടതി സ്ഥാപിച്ച് തരണമെന്ന പറഞ്ഞു. അതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് നിങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞ അഭിപ്രായം ലാസ് ഡിലേസ് കമ്മീഷണക്ക് അയച്ച് അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ വിചാരണയിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തി അന്വേഷിക്കാൻ പറയാം.

[I wish to thank you and those on behalf of whom you spoke for what you said about my illness some time ago. Your valuable suggestions regarding economic depression will be considered. The fact that Government propose to appoint a committee to enquire into economic depression does not, as I told another member, mean that Government would not do anything in the meantime. You complained that the Director of Agriculture does not visist your taluk. There is an Agricultural Inspector in your taluk and the Director need come there only when the Inspector is found inadequate or the Director's presence is found absolutely necessary. The representations about roads and other matters will be considered. Your suggestion for the establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Arukutti will be referred to the Law's Delays Commissioner.]

120. Needs of the Vaikam taluk.

MR. PARAMESWARAN VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam taluk*) first referred to the undesirability of having a time limit of 15 minutes for the members to make their representations, irrespective of the importance of the subject represented. The President had advised the member who first spoke about local needs, that by cutting short the number of items of local needs, the difficulty regarding want of time could be got over. In that case, it would be better if the members were prohibited from speaking on more than one local need at a time The Assembly was not serving any practical purpose and if it could not be thoroughly reformed, it was better that it was abolished altogether. The President should be more considerate towards the representatives of the people.

Passing on to his subject, the member spoke about the following needs of the taluk :—

A hospital should be established at Kaduthuruthi, a place midway between Vaikam and Ettumanoor. There were three hospitals at Vaikam, Eattumanoor and Kuthattukulam, nine miles away from Kaduthuruthi. The people of Kaduthuruthi and the adjoining places were subjected to much hardship for want of a hospital easily accessible to them.

There was an Assistant Surgeon and a Sub-Assistant Surgeon in the Vaikam Hospital. But they were not able to cope with the increasing work in the hospital. Nearly half the number of patients coming to the hospital were women. An additional medical officer should be appointed in the hospital, preferably a lady doctor.

Much difficulty was experiened by the people for want of a Girls' English High School at Vaikam. A large number of girls was attending the Boys' High School at the place. Hence a Girls' School should be established at Vaikam.

The Vallayil *todu*, the Anchumana *todu*, and the Kalchira *todu* should be improved by widening, deepening and straightening them. This would greatly benefit 30,000 *parahs* of *kari* lands in the *pakuthies* of Vechur, Talayazham and Ullala.

A canal should also be newly opened for irrigational purposes, from east to west alongside the Thrippakudathu temple, to join the lake on the west.

The Kaniyan *todu*, the Perunchilavil *todu*, the Parithikattu *todu* and the canal on the eastern side of Muzhikel should be improved and made fit to serve irrigational purposes. The Chulli *todu* at Kaduthuruthi should also be restored at an early date.

A lock should be provided near the Valampallil bridge for the benefit of the paddy fields of the *pakuthies* of Maravamthuruth and Kulasekharamangalam. A bund should also be constructed near Poothotta.

Bridges should be constructed across Vechur-Anchumana *todu* and Vallayil *todu* and the old bridge across the Maramvitti *todu* should be reconstructed.

The Vaikam-Vechur road should be extended to Kumarakam and made fit for cart traffic.

A new road should be opened from Nerakadavu to Vadayar bridge *via* Udayanapuram and Vaikaprayar.

At least a three feet trace should be opened between Udayanapuram and Chemmankari.

The trace from Thalayolaparambu to Mulakulam *via* Velloor should be gravelled and made fit for cart traffic.

The Mulakulam-Peruva road should be completed and the Kaduthuruthi-Peruva road should be improved. The Nizhoor-Kattampakkal road should be completed.

The level of the road on the western side of Panjipalam, should be raised to a length of one furlong, where there was water logging for 8 to 10 months every year.

The ryots' road from Peruva to 114th mile stone of the M. C. Road *via* Kanjiramuttam, Marangoli and Alapuram, was one of the most useful roads in the Vaikam taluk. But it would appear that the P. W. D. authorities wanted one mile of the road, where it joined the

M.C. Road, to be re-aligned and cut, before taking it over for departmental maintenance. The people had no money to acquire the lands required for the portion of the road to be re-aligned. Hence the Government should either acquire the required lands and complete the road and then take it up for departmental maintenance, or if that was not possible, the road should be taken up as it was.

Much difficulty was experienced owing to the absence of bridges at Murinjapuzha and Poothotta. Hence a bridge each should be constructed at these places.

Lastly the member said that the present practice of giving replies to the representations in the Assembly was like writing a judgment as soon as a complaint was filed and delivering it after the trial. It would be better if this practice was given up and replies were given after duly considering about the representations.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Velappan Nair, when you said that there should be no time limit to the duration of representations, your fear was that, if a member had given a list of a large number of subjects, he would find it impossible to make an effective representation within the time allowed. You have yourself sent in a long list of twenty subjects and you have finished your representation on that extensive list within the time allowed. You may have noticed that, in cases where there was a large number of suggestions to be made, several members have actually been allowed by me more than 15 minutes. You may also remember that this rule was laid down not today or yesterday, but it has been in existence for a long time. The object of that rule is, as you can understand, not to obstruct people, but to make it possible for business to be conducted within a reasonable time. If you draw upon your knowledge of representative institutions of this kind, you will find that there is no institution where the time limit is not fixed. I do not think many people will agree with you that there should be no time limit at all. Most people on the other hand will agree that this time limit is a necessity.

You also suggested that definite replies to your representation should not be given at once. As a matter of fact, you will have noticed that there are many representations in reply to which no statements are made. That is when they require consideration. Then I say that those representations will be considered, because Government, before deciding upon the desirability or otherwise of the work pressed upon their attention, will have to collect the necessary statistics. You may rest assured that that is being done.

You have represented the necessity for many items of work which you consider necessary in your taluk. All of them will be considered by the Government in consultation with the officers who are responsible for the works.

Your general suggestions as to the conduct of business in the Assembly will also receive the attention of Government.